

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A printing machine comprising:

a plurality of image formation units each of which serves to perform an printing operation on a printing sheet;

5 at least one paper feed unit which serves to supply said image formation units with printing sheets;

Sub 27 a printed sheet transportation unit which serves to transport the printing sheet having been printed from said image formation unit;

10 an error detection unit which serves to detect an error occurring in said printing machine;

a storage device which serves to store an error classified table in which possible errors occurring in said printing machine are classified into at least one error with which the printing operation can be continued and at least one error with which the printing operation can not be continued; and

15 a control unit which serves to judge whether or not a current error is an error with which the printing operation can be continued or an error with which the printing operation can not be continued.

Sub 28 20 2. The printing machine as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit is capable of taking control of said printing machine in order to continue said printing operation without suspending said printing operation when said control unit judges occurrence of an error with which said printing operation can be continued.

25 3. The printing machine as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit is capable of reporting the result of judgment to the user.

4. The printing machine as claimed in claim 2 wherein said control unit is capable of reporting the result of judgment to the user.

5. The printing machine as claimed in claim 3 wherein said control unit is capable of reporting the result of judgment to the user as well as information of the penalty in throughput when a current error as detected is an error with which the printing operation can be continued.

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6. The printing machine as claimed in claim 4 wherein said control unit is capable of reporting the result of judgment to the user as well as information of the penalty in throughput when a current error as detected is an error with which the printing operation can be continued.

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7. A method of reporting an error in the printing machine having a plurality of image formation units each of which serves to perform an printing operation on a printing sheet, said method comprising:

an error detecting step of detecting an error which occurs in said printing machine;

an error reporting step of reporting the error as detected in said error detecting step as well as information of whether or not the printing operation can be continued by said printing machine with the error.

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8. The method of reporting an error as claimed in claim 7 wherein information of the penalty in throughput is reported when a current error as detected is an error with which the printing operation can be continued.